

'Filthy Pierre' songbooks confiscated during summer

By Carson Agnew

Erwin ("Filthy Pierre") Strauss '65 although graduated from the Institute, has gotten in trouble with the Dean's office again. 100 copies each of "Filthy Pierre's Songs of MIT" and "Filthy Pierre's Songs of Significance," both of which contain obscene songs have been seized by Jay Hammerness, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Found in TCA

The books were found in the TCA offices, where Strauss had used his status as an alumnus to have them run off. The discovery was made during the summer by Dean Hammerness, who thought them "dubious enough to ponder for awhile and confiscated them."

Strauss's peculiar pursuits keep Dean's Office hopping

Since entering MIT in 1961, Erwin S. Strauss '65 has been in trouble with the Dean's office almost as many times as Voodoo. Between that time and his graduation in June he was suspended from the Institute, ran for UAP, ran a beaver for UAP, and helped publish a noted but controversial Science Fiction index, and his own version of the truth called the Tool. His present imbroglio with the Dean's office is only one of a series.

TTA Scandal

During the spring of 1962, Strauss was one of four students involved in a plan to sell textbooks printed in foreign countries (which did not subscribe to the International Copyright Laws) at low prices. This group, the Technology Textbook Agency, was charging a 200% markup, yet planned to undersell the American printed texts by substantial margins. When their actions came under the scrutiny of the Dean's Office and JudCom, Strauss, along with several others, was refused permission to register for the next year.

After this enforced absence from the campus, which lasted a year, Strauss returned to MIT. In 1965, he ran for UAP, and received 259 votes out of 1952 cast. The next year, realizing the futility of another attempt on the title under his own name, Strauss was campaign manager for a stuffed beaver. This candidate never was put on the ballot, and its abortive campaign is largely forgotten.

To the Army

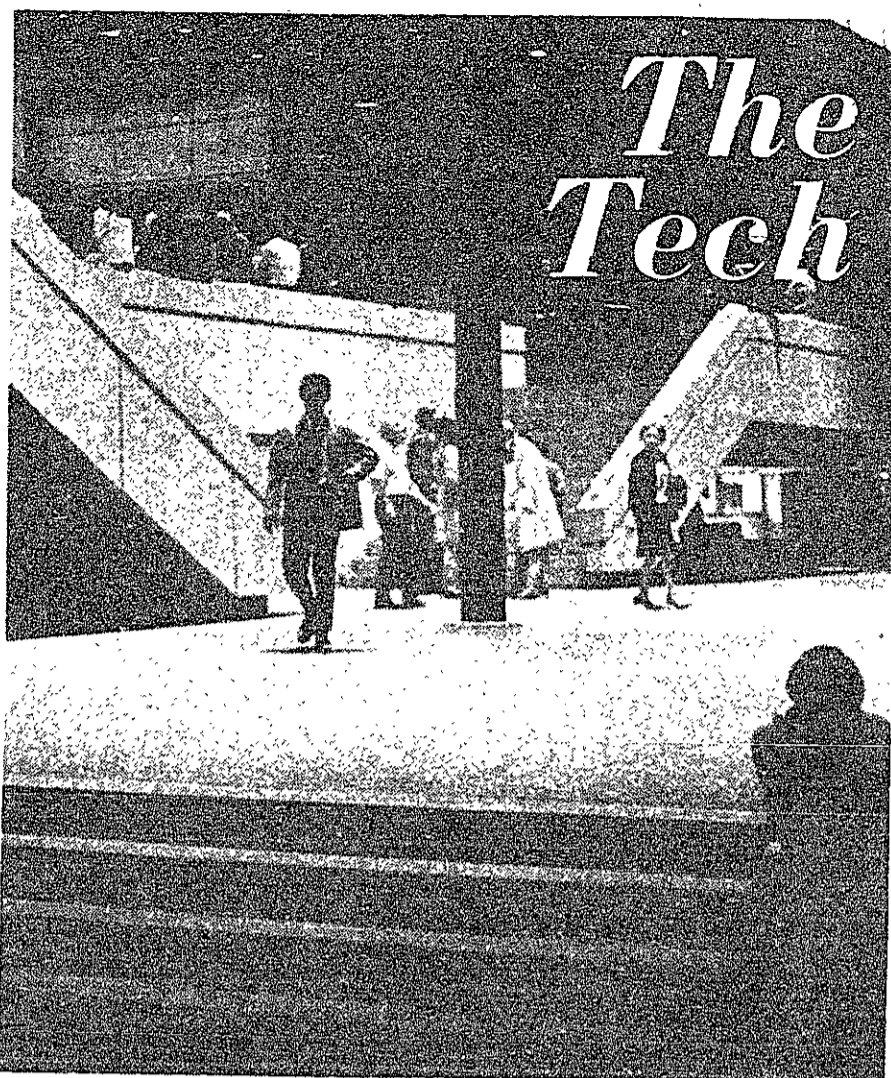
Strauss's future plans now include a hitch in the service — he will be inducted into the army in October.

According to Strauss, he had originally planned to sell the books by distributing a few free copies, and letting word of their contents circulate. Since their confiscation, however, posters have appeared in several locations throughout the Institute, offering the books for \$1.00 a copy.

Hammerness sued

Strauss expects to recover the books, or to be compensated for them, by means of two suits he has filed against Dean Hammerness. One, a Civil suit in Small Claims Court for \$150, will be tried Thursday, Sept. 28th. The other, a Criminal suit for return of confiscated property, will be heard tomorrow in the Middlesex County Courthouse.

MIT's real complaint is that the Institute's name is used on one of the books, and that that book contains songs embarrassing to MIT. They feel that, since the books were found on Institute property, and since they had no right to be there—Strauss being a graduate—the court will rule in their favor. In that case, they intend to destroy the books.



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Grothier leaves dining staff as Lauricella takes helm in Student Center shakeup

By Steve Carhart

Major changes occurred this summer in the management of MIT's financially troubled Student Center dining facilities. According to Laurence H. Bishoff, Director of Housing and Dining Services, the changes were precipitated by the resignation of Fred Grothier, the former head of Student Center dining services, who took a better position with another employer. Replacing Grothier will be Salvatore Lauricella, formerly head of Ashdown dining.

"A difficult period"

Although he admitted that "It is a fact that we have lost money," (in the Student Center dining facilities), Bishoff felt that "Mr. Grothier took the Student Center through a difficult period." Grothier was in charge of the Student Center dining facilities from the day they first opened and had to contend with limited equipment and build a student staff from scratch.

Two of Grothier's assistants, Peter Dow and Alex Lanbauer, have been retained as head of Twenty Chimneys and Assistant Student Center Manager respectively. An additional assistant, a Stouffer's employee, is expected to begin work shortly. Stouffer's is a private company hired by the Institute to manage food services, handle food purchasing, and provide meal planning services.

Break even?

Undoubtedly one of the principal objectives of the new Student Center management will be to cut losses and put the Center on a break even basis. (Please turn to Page 3)

Two month delay planned for new Institute housing

By Jack Katz

The opening of a new housing facility designed to relieve the pressure on the overcrowded Institute housing will be delayed until November. The delay of the new house located at 282-290 Massachusetts Avenue is due to a complication in legal procedures for its purchase.

Renovation plans

Renovation plans include the installation of kitchen, a recreation room, new wall finishes, and wall to wall carpeting throughout the entire building. New furnishings will also be supplied.

The house, which consisted of 14 large apartments and a few small ones, will be converted into suites of seven single bed-study rooms around a common living room. Kitchens will be used by seven and 14 man groups.

Occupants

The new house has 100 available beds. Approximately 95 undergraduates will be housed there along with a faculty resident and two or more resident tutors.

Last May a letter was sent out by Dean Wadleigh offering priority for the new house to students in apartments on 27 West Street, Russian House, and those who had requested transfer to a house other than the one in which they resided. The letter drew a positive response from about 60 upperclassmen. With entering freshmen to complement these 60 there will be no problem in filling the house.

The future of the apartments on 27 West Street (temporarily opened to ease housing shortage) is still undecided. Whether they stay open or closed depends on whether or not enough upperclassmen renew their options for their apartments there.

The opening date of the new house will be flexible enough so that there will be no conflict with freshmen midterms.

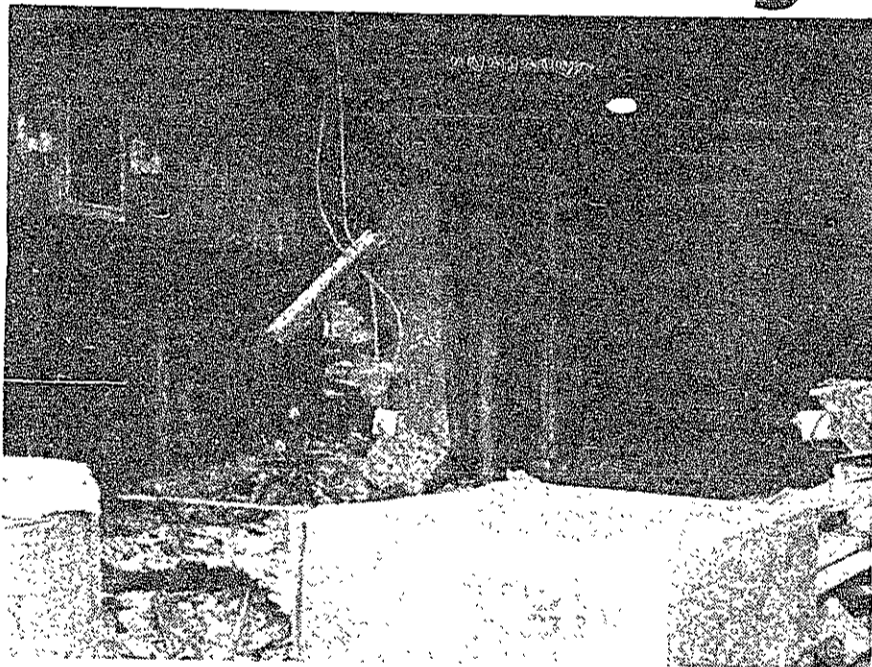


Photo by George Flynn

Although the apartments at 282-290 Mass. Ave. were scheduled for completion in September, clearly they are not ready.

Frosh obtain better orientation; Dormcon introduces innovations

By Pete Meschter

Freshman orientation this year was more complete than ever before, as Dormitory Council supplemented traditional Institute and living group programs to provide all freshmen with something to do during orientation.

Clearing House

For the 330 freshmen who did not pledge, Dormcon ran a Clearing House to find dorm rooms and a shuttle service to help freshmen move their belongings. A Dormcon steak fry Tuesday attracted 450 students.

The purpose of these activities, according to Dormcon president Jerry Grochow '68, was to "bridge the gap" between Rush Week and Freshman Weekend for unpledged freshmen. Freshmen were able to move in and meet their upperclass counselors earlier this year.



Photo by Larry Deutsch

The MIT Dramashop tries to attract freshmen at Friday night's Activities Midway.

Thursday's discussion groups were popular this year, mainly because they were not confined to technical subjects. Discussions of "The Role of Student Government" and "You Versus the Establishment" were lively and well attended.

Blue Hills party

Complementing Institute programs were those sponsored by the dormitories. Especially successful events were two cookouts in East Campus, lunches at Durbin Park and tours of Boston sponsored by Baker and Senior Houses, and the Burton House party Saturday at the Blue Hills reservation.

Over seventy activities were represented at the Midway Friday night, giving freshmen a

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Committee named to formulate plans for Wellesley-MIT course exchange

By Greg Bernhardt

The proposed Wellesley-MIT course exchange program has come closer to operation this fall with the naming of a joint committee to work on the experimental project. The committee is composed of professors and students from both schools. According to President Howard W. Johnson, the committee "will devise and supervise the experiment from the outset of the program."

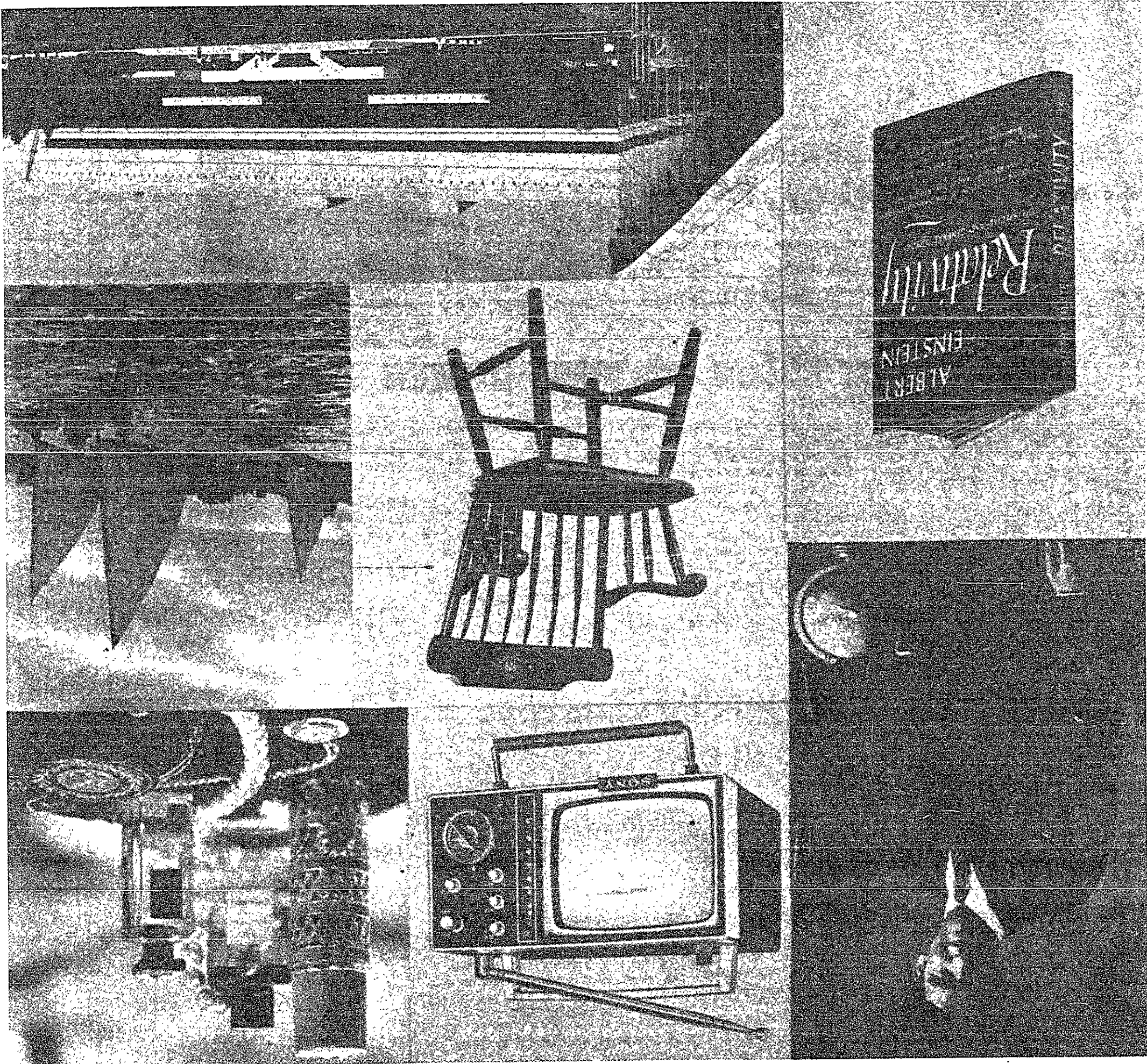
The committee will be faced with such problems as the transportation and scheduling of classes between schools that are 12 miles apart. Wellesley's terms are also of a different length of time. The committee will also look into the exchange of credit and administrative problems involved.

Extracurricular hopes

Cordelia Swain, a junior at Wellesley and a member of the committee, expressed hope for an extracurricular program to go along with the course exchange. She noted that there "just aren't any boys" at Wellesley for such activities as choir, orchestra, or drama. It was her impression that most Wellesley girls approved of the idea.

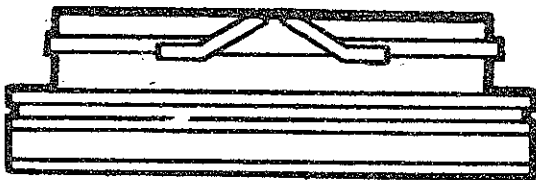
MIT committee members are Prof. Robert Alberty, Dean of the School of Science; Prof. Stanford Anderson, Dept. of Architecture; Prof. Richard Douglas, Head of the Dept. of Humanities; Prof. Walter Rosenblith, Chairman of the Faculty; Dr. Benson Snyder, Psychiatrist in Chief; Prof. Emily Wick, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. Student committee members include Miss Swain, Martha Wiske of Wellesley, Mark Spitzer '68, and Al Willisky '69.

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SC policy changes

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a break-even basis. Such a program would be in line with two recently instituted changes in dining procedures: Lobdell customers must now clear their own tables instead of having them cleared for them by student staff members, and student staff members must now have special authorization to work overtime. Previously, student staff members could work overtime whenever they wished to do so.

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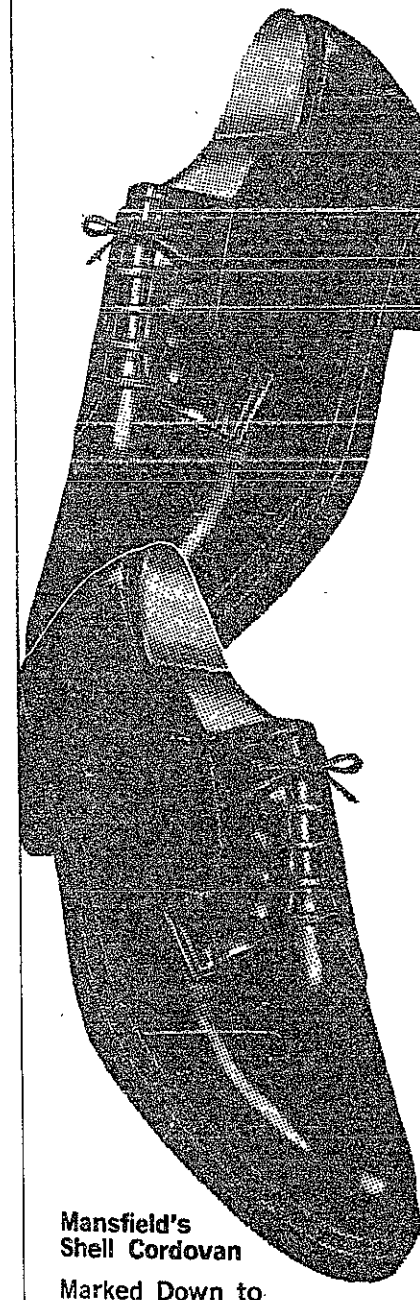
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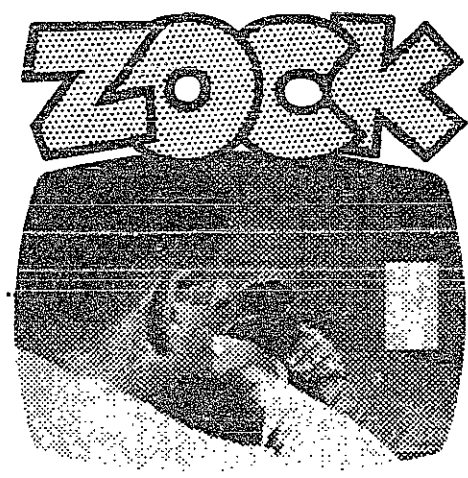
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A word to '71

Although most fraternity men have been back at school for a minimum of two weeks, and most other students for up to a week, it is still not too late to offer our hearty welcome to those who will comprise this year's undergraduate body. The upperclassmen, by and large, are pretty set in their ways by now and will tend to be unresponsive to advice. To the wide-eyed, eager freshmen, however, we offer the following ideas.

The four years of your undergraduate career should be the most rewarding and enjoyable years of your life. You are here, at MIT, primarily to gain an education. Yet education is a great experience, far larger than the academic exercises you will perform. Education, in the total sense of the word, involves every aspect of maturing process you will undergo during your stay here.

In two words, then, our advice is "Get involved." This campus provides innumerable opportunities for the interested student to do something. Be it athletics or activities, politics or social service, the openings are there. Attempts to seduce the student out of his room and into the mainstream of MIT life are numerous: the Midway, this week's Open House, the recruitment on the part of all organizations here on campus, our own editorials. Ultimately, however, the initiative must come from the freshman himself; he must decide that his stay here will be far more rewarding if only he will get involved.

MIT is an exciting place to go to school. We hope you enjoy yourself as much as we do. From all of The Tech, we wish you a very good year.

Decision for the New Boston

For all its prominence among American cities, Boston has been a somewhat afraid of becoming a "big" city. It clung to its provincialism and its history with a tenacity bought at the expense of progress. Beacon Hill and Back Bay remained citadels of the Boston of another age, even as their own backyards changed drastically. It was business as usual downtown and politics as usual through out the wards for many years.

But as the cities all across the country have become the focus of excruciating examination, Boston has had to learn that it is a lot closer to New York and Detroit than Newton and Wellesley. The cloud scraping skyline of the New Boston is only a symbol of a more profound change associated with the city's rightful emergence as a major city. It has

learned that though it is the intellectual center of America, its own public schools are inadequate and substandard; the Roxbury ghetto was the first eruption of America's longest and hottest summer; traffic conditions are no longer laughable; the air and water are polluted. And the Red Sox have reminded the nation that Boston is indeed a big league city.

While on the brink of a crucial and exciting time for all of America's cities, Boston faces a wide-open, rough and tumble mayoralty election. The next mayor of Boston has the opportunity to continue much of what has been begun and to weed out many of the ills of American city life, and to bring the pattern of urban living in tune with the best of what American life has to offer. And yet the people of Boston seem prepared to take a dangerous step backward.

When the city desperately needs vision and understanding, Louise Day Hicks, the epitome of reactionary thinking and provincial planning, is leading the race for mayor. While there are problems of significance whose solutions lie even outside Boston itself, Mrs. Hicks would seek the answers in the neighborhoods. While the entire fabric of urban life has been found wanting, while there is upheaval and rapid change, Mrs. Hicks plays on the associated fears and unrest of those who would return to the irretreable past.

It would be a mistake for the people of Boston to elect her mayor. It would be a terrible step backward for a city which has begun so notably to take its place among the big cities of America.

footnotes*

by Michael Warren

64. An MIT psychologist revealed to his colleagues of the American Psychological Association that Greeks are the world's worst when it comes to helping strangers. Among those things tested were the giving of directions to lost foreigners, and the performing of simple tasks for them such as mailing a letter. The study was financed by a Ford Foundation grant to determine which nation had the least helpful citizens.

65. Male students intent on courting the female members of the class of '71 may have significant difficulty in finding at least three members of that

class. These girls, all of whose photos appeared in the freshman picture book, are unlisted by the McCormick Hall register, and subsequent attempts to find them have proved fruitless.

66. This month's Playboy magazine, in an article about computers, makes mention that on a large computer in the MIT Computation Center there is the following sign: "I am a human being. Do not fold, spindle, or mutilate." Tech students seem rather unruffled about this revelation, and some have expressed the idea that some funny things also go on inside the Playboy mansion.

Kibitzer

By Philip Selwyn

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♥ K 3 2			
♦ Q 10 9 6 5 4			
♣ K Q 4			
West			
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♥ J 10 8 7 6			
♦ 7 3			
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East			
♥ A 9 5 4			
♠ K 10			
♦ A K 8			
♣ 10 8 6 5			
South			
♠ A Q J 8 7 6 5			
♥ Q			
♦ J 2			
♣ A 9 7			
North-South Vul.			
East 1 ♦	South 4 ♣	West Pass	North Pass
Pass			

Today's hand features excellent defense by East to set South's ambitious, but nearly makeable, 4 Spade contract.

East had a choice of opening bids. I Heart would have been an acceptable call, but East disliked opening such a weak major suit. Left with a choice between opening 1 Club or 1 Diamond, East chose to show his strength rather than his length. There was nothing wrong with opening 1 Diamond, because he had a convenient rebid over any response his partner made. In addition, East realized that if he wound up on defense, his diamond bid was likely to guide his partner into making the best opening lead.

South's 4 Spade bid was a gamble. He felt that if he did not bid the game himself, he might miss a possibly cold game.

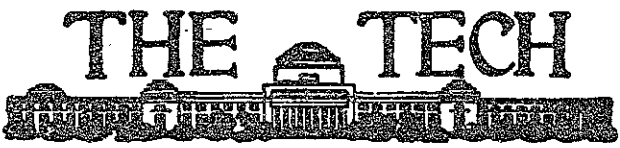
West led the 7 of diamonds because of East's opening bid. East won the trick with the K and South tried to confuse East by false-carding with the J. East, however, was not misled. Since East-West had agreed to lead lowest from three small cards, the 7 had to be from, at most, a doubleton. He therefore cashed the Ace of diamonds and then the Ace of

Hearts. Now East led his last diamond. Since West held 9XX of trumps, the defense was able to promote the trump nine into the setting trick. (If South trumps low, West wins the 9 right then; if South trumps with an honor, West wins his trick later on.)

The key play in the defense was cashing the Ace of Hearts before leading the third diamond. If East had not taken that precaution, declarer would simply have discarded his heart loser on the third diamond lead. West would still have won his trump trick, but the defense would not have won a heart trick, too. Declarer would have won any return, crossed to dummy with a club, and taken the spade finesse. With East's K falling, declarer would have made his ten tricks.

Our apology

The Tech wishes to apologize that its first issue, which was scheduled to appear Friday, actually came out Saturday. The reason for the delay was that our printer is experiencing a work slowup, hence was unable to complete the newspaper on time. It is possible that the labor problems may not be cleared up at the time that this issue, Tuesday's goes to press, so if it is late, we again offer our apologies.



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Cherchez la Femme

Fall mixers offer much promise

By Ed Chalfie

The coming academic year will not be dull or slow-moving for any enterprising Techman with perseverance enough to make it through this year's round of mixers. The local girl's colleges promise to put on a good show for you, but only if you do the same for them. So grab your corduroy sport coat and madras tie, or your blue blazer and turtleneck sweater, and together we shall explore the

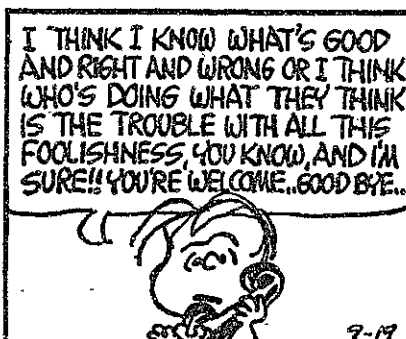
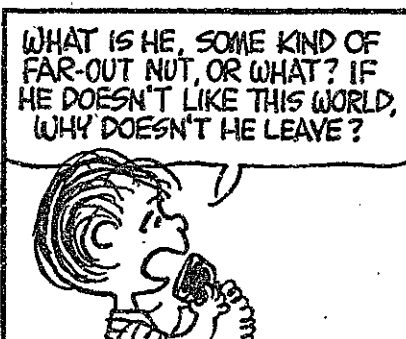
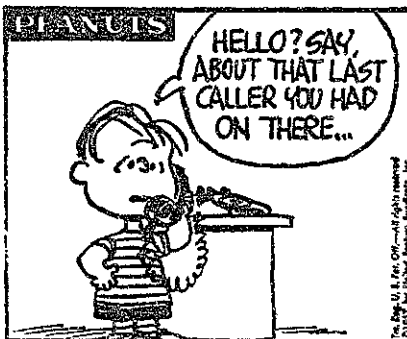
seemingly endless possibilities of that great experience we call the college mixer.

One of the first chances the Techman has to test his cool is the annual Simmons freshman mixer. It will be held this coming Friday, at 8 PM, at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel. This affair is by invitation only, so find someone with a friend at Simmons, and get yourself one. The sterling maidens of Wellesley College are

expecting one and all this Saturday night, "and please bring all of your friends." Their mixer will take place at Alumni Hall at 8 PM and is sponsored by the Ville Juniors.

Pine Manor's young ladies have big things planned for the night of September 30. Their dance will be held at their Refectory.

Armed with this beginner's package of information, the suave Techman should have no difficulty finding the girl of his dreams.



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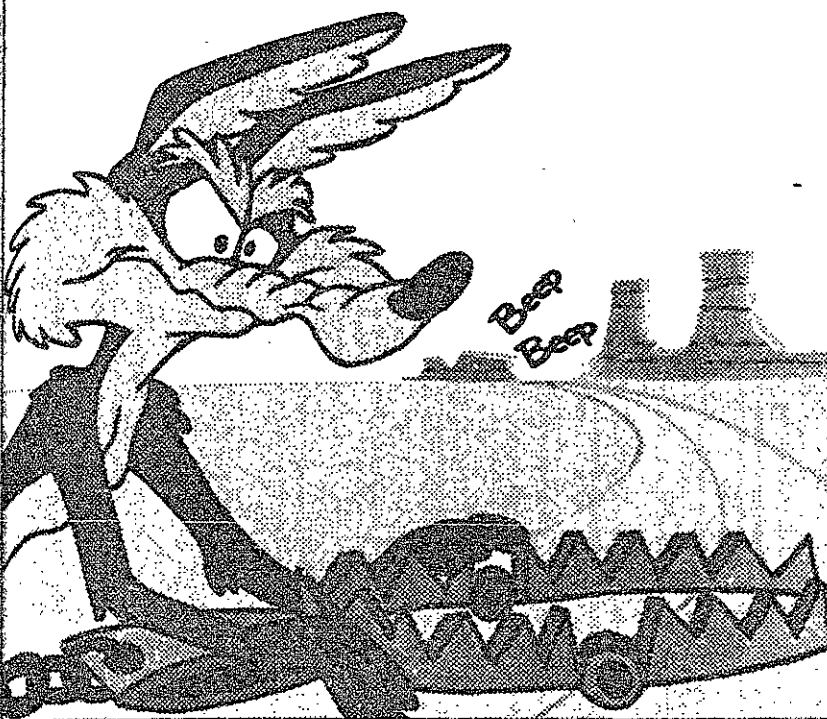
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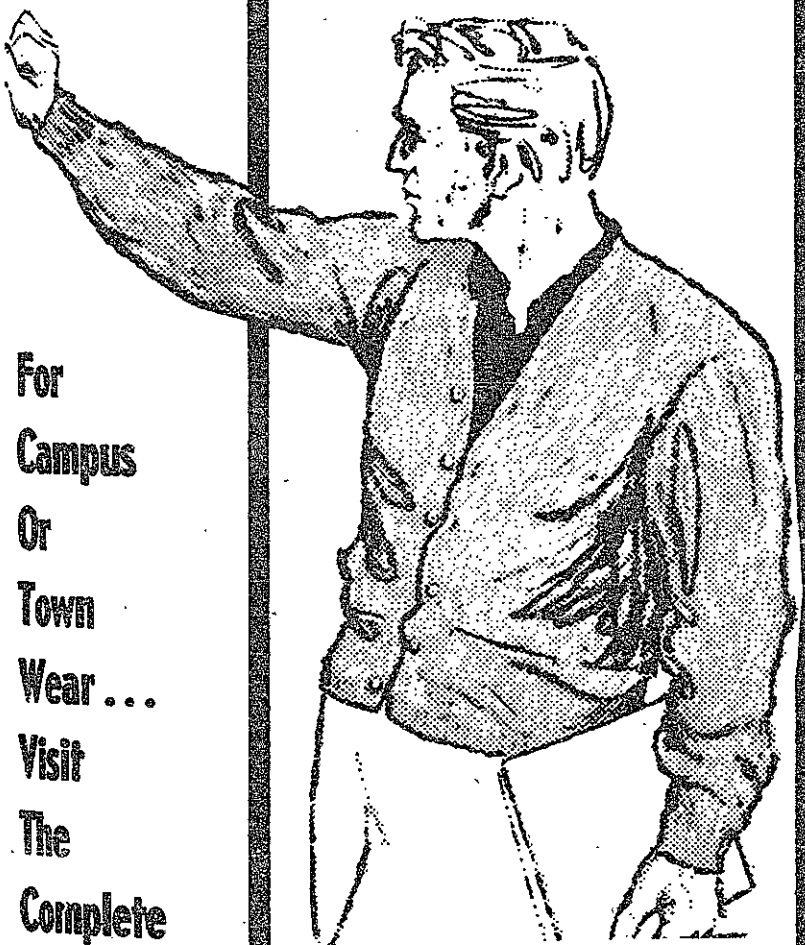
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Frosh orientation

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glimpse of activities from sports
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'Institute cared'

Most freshmen and organizers
 felt that orientation was effective.
 Al Willsky '69 of Burton House
 freshman orientation committee
 was "very, very pleased," while
 Karla Hurst '68, McCormick Hall
 President, felt that orientation
 "made freshmen feel that the In-
 stitute cared."

Although one freshman felt
 "like a cog in a machine," a more
 typical comment was "I was
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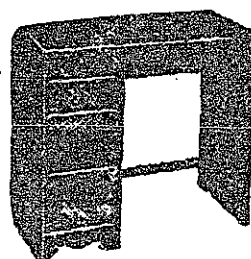
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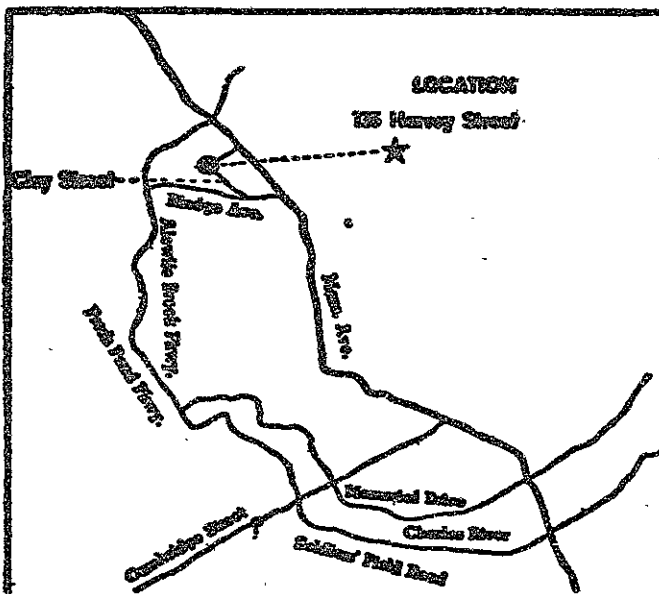


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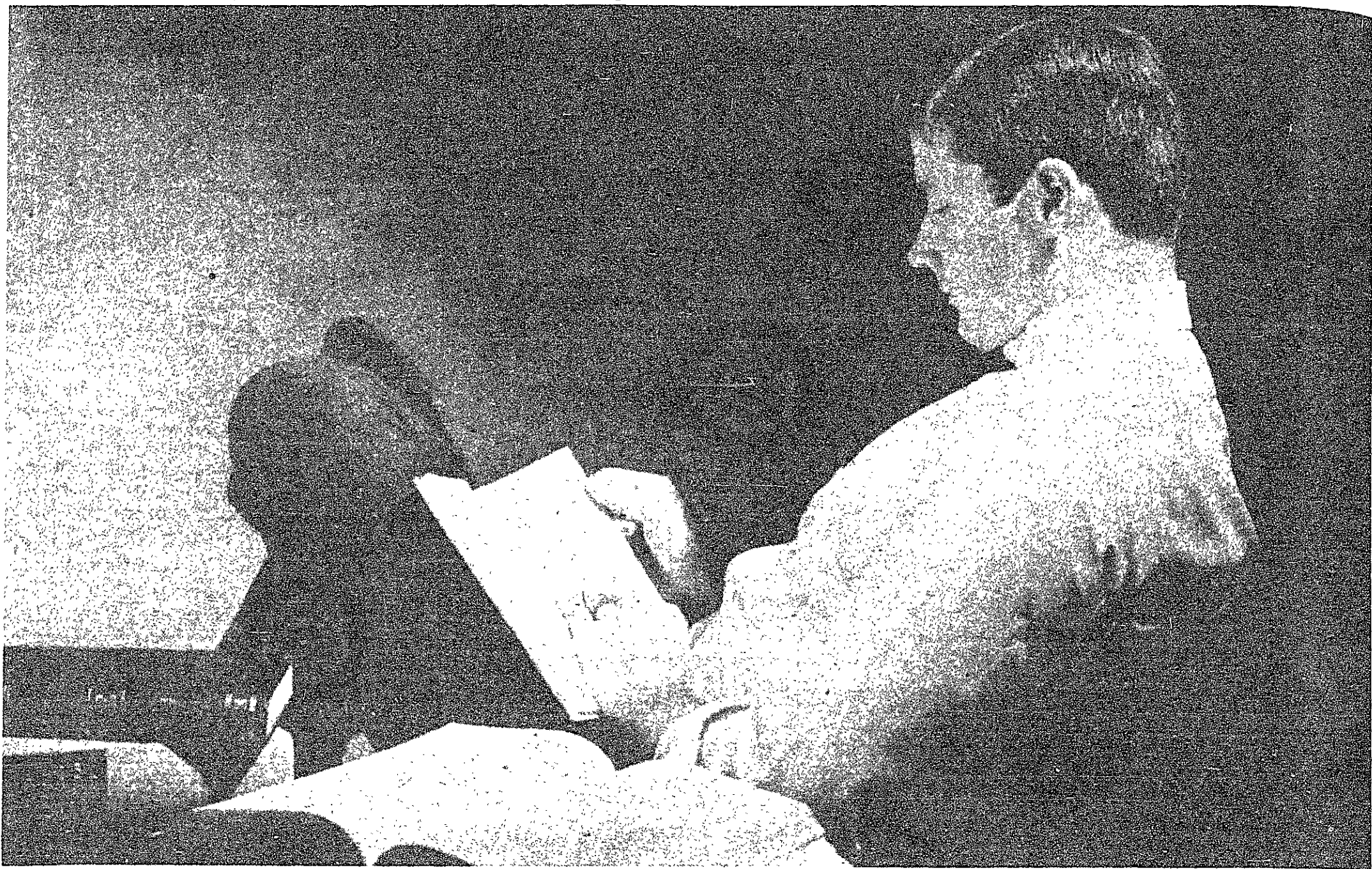


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Improvement by typical graduates in words per minute.*

Basic	Description	Entry	Exit	Exit	Exit
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Bonser, Peter, sales rep. Honeywell		292	816	320	640
Carlson, Edwin, engineer		240	1000	210	1100
Cleary, Martin, salesman		365	1728	240	1920
Dushman, Bernard, B.U. student		536	2593	522	2510
Fabry, Elzhe, trainee at A.D.L.		220	1584	270	780
Hemlin, Devons, ins't supervisor		490	1500	402	1000
Hoagland, John, vice pres.		320	3000	236	1160
Jones, Lawrence, assoc. prof.		415	3225	280	2416
Jones, Marilyn, math teacher		362	624	260	1160
Turner, Audrey, librarian		278	840	272	934
Peet, Geoffrey, planning engineer		403	1584	230	958
Livson, ey, doctor of neurology		652	2450	450	2100
McCarjison, Joyce, student 12th grade		365	1608	272	900
Morgan, Edward, mgr. mtg. engineer		500	2100	400	1000
Morse, Harrison, employer is Medinet		475	1600	747	1520
Noyes, William, seminary student		528	1200	340	1450
Piper, Harry, Harvard student		500	1488	420	1100
Puricelli, Richard, jr. claim examiner		329	2392	294	2243
Read, Nathaniel, B.U. student		317	1375	258	870
Rudolf, Harry, consultant		205	770	174	550
Saunders, William, copy writer		419	2100	360	1060
Shields, Eric, sales rep.		269	1722	224	1200
Smith, Roy, Harvard B. School		536	2016	350	2250
Souza, Lois, teacher		148	1008	154	1392
Thayer, Stephen, Harvard student		232	1728	310	1500
Onora, O'Neill, teaching fellow		576	1280	344	950
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*These are exit rates only. The average student reads 1 1/2 to 3 times faster than his starting test rates.

Utah schoolteacher discovers technique of dynamic reading.

Evelyn Wood first observed dynamic reading 18 years ago when a professor at the University of Utah read her term paper at an amazing 6000 words a minute. Mrs. Wood's curiosity caused her to look for other exceptional readers, and over the next few years she found 50 people who could read faster than 1500 words per minute, with fine comprehension, outstanding recall and great reading satisfaction.

She was now sure it was possible to read faster than anyone had thought, but the question of how was not yet answered. It took 8 years of toil and research, to find the answers. Eventually she developed a technique whereby the average student was able to learn to read 3 to 10 times faster.

She taught her method at the University of Utah for three years, refining it even more. Further studies were conducted at the University of Delaware, and the first Reading Dynamics Institute was opened in Washington, D.C. in September, 1959. Since that time, institutes have been opened in 61 cities throughout the country, and national enrollment for the course has topped 250,000.

Comprehension is stressed.

At a recent teacher training conference, Mrs. Wood emphasized that dynamic reading is nothing like the skimming techniques commonly used in speed reading courses. She said, "Skipping words is dangerous, as you don't know whether or not you have skipped a word which could change the whole meaning of the sentence."

"You read five times faster," she pointed out, "not by reading every fifth word, but by reading five times as many words in the same amount of time. Mrs. Wood emphasized that using her technique of rapid reading, every word on the page is noted.

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She was also critical of reading courses that use a mechanical pacer, as students tend to revert to previous reading speeds once the pacer is not there to help them. When reading dynamically, the reader's hand is used as a pacer.

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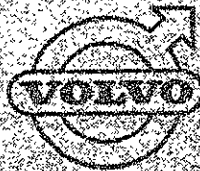
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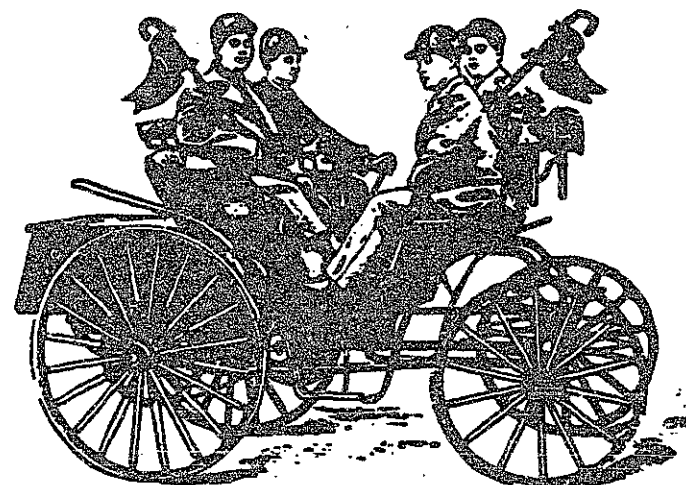
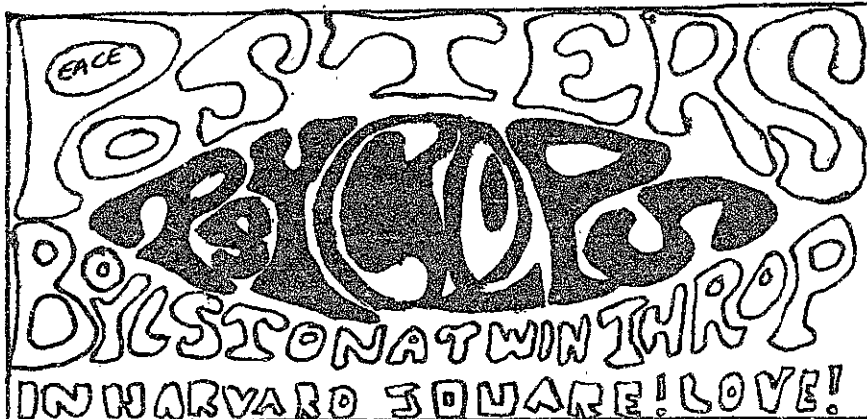
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